ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for trimming loose threads in circular knitting machines, comprising the steps of :

5   - starting from an initial pattern and on the basis of a given type of circular knitting machine, if one wishes to trim the loose threads, measuring a distance between needles of the same color on a same row in order to check whether the distance is at least equal to, or greater than, a minimum distance that allows to perform trimming of the loose threads;

10   - if the distance is shorter than the minimum distance, replacing a portion of the pattern with at least one special color that identifies a different type of knitting process for the portion of pattern, to be performed on the circular knitting machine;

- modifying the pattern on the basis of the replacement of the portion

15 of pattern;

- producing an advancement by a number of rows equal to the number of drops of the knitting machine that are active; and

- encoding the pattern with the modifications, in order to perform the knitting process.